

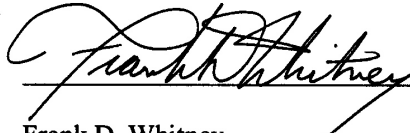
and Case Management Plan in late February, staying the case at that time would have been more likely to promote judicial economy and efficiency. A stay at this juncture, however, would bring the case to an abrupt halt because the parties are in the midst of discovery and mediation. Moreover, based on counsels' and the EEOC's uncertainty as to the potential completion date for the EEOC investigation, the Court finds that it would not be in the interests of justice to delay this matter indefinitely at this late stage of the case.

Finally, the Court has reviewed the Amended Complaint and determines that the claims asserted therein can be fully resolved on their merits without completion of the EEOC investigation. Although the EEOC investigation may involve facts somewhat related to the claims set forth in the Complaint, the correlation is tenuous at best and does not warrant a stay in this action.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the parties' Joint Motion to Stay (Doc. No. 18) is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: August 4, 2008



Frank D. Whitney
United States District Judge

